

**Joseph Chew to George Washington, July 17, 1758,
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FROM JOSEPH CHEW, ESQ.

NEW LONDON July 17th. 1758

DEAR SIR

I was on a Vissit over to Long Island a few days agoe and unexpectedly Came here, shall Return in the morning for New London —

am Very sorry to give an Accot. of the Repulse our Forces met with before Ticondoroga we Landed on the 7th. near that Fortress with the Loss of abt. 30 men, but what was Very Fatall the Gallant Lord How there Lost his Life, we drove the Enemy from all their out Posts and killed an took abt. 400 Prisoners¹—the 8th. our army attacked the Retrench'd Camp with before The Fort sword in hand, there is so many Various Reports of the Attack and Loss, that it is Very hard to Come at the truth, however we met with a Very Warm Reception the Enemy were trebly intrenched to their Teeth, how Long the attack lasted I cannot say but the General has Retreated in good order to the Place where Fort William Henry Stood with the Loss of near 1600 men killed missing and wounded it is said 97 Officers are killed missing & wounded their is as yet no Returns or List Come to hand therefore I can give the Names of but Very few and them only of the greatest Note Vizt.

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Lord How,² Colo. Donaldson, Colo. Beaver, Majr. Proby, Majr. Rutherford, Majr. Tulither these most People agree are Certainly amongst the slain Wounded, Colo. Gage, Colo. Delaney of the Yorks Colo. Grant Majr. Ayers, Mr. Clark Enginere & I am Very sorry for an occasion to give you any Accot. of this kind but as it is so wish it was in my Power to give you a more Particular one, of this severe and unexpected blow—I Sincerely hope we shall have a Better story to tell Very soon from you in the Neighbourhood of Fort Duquesne, where may he who governs the universe have you under his Peculiar Care and send you back Loaded with Honnour a thing you have always so much merrited. Please to give my Love to my Brother. I have not time to write to him. Excuse this scrawl being in great haist and Accept of my most sincere wishes for your safety & welfare and Assure your self that I am my Dear Sir

Your affectionate JOS CHEW

our Friend Beverly is at Albany wth. Govr. Delancey his Dear good woman and Pretty Boy are Very well— if Doct Thomas Walker is with you Pray give my best Respects to him, I greatly thank him for his kindness to my Brothers

1 A skirmish with the advance guard of the French in which they were quickly delected. The Annual Register has it that Lord Howe was killed in this skirmish.

2 "Soon after the news of Lord Howe's death arrived in England, the following advertisement appeared in the public papers; an application worthy of a Roman matron, in the virtuous times of the Republic, and which could not fail of success, where the least spark of virtue existed: To the gentlemen, clergy, freeholders, and burgesses, of the town and county of Nottingham.—As Lord Howe is now absent upon the public service, and Lieutenant Colonel Howe is with his regiment at Louisbourg, it rests upon me to beg the favour of your votes and interests, that Lieutenant-colonel Howe may supply the place of his late brother, as your representative in Parliament. "Permit me, therefore, to implore the protection of every one of you, as the mother of him, whose life has been lost in the service of his country. CHARLOTTE HOWE, Albemarle Street, Sept. 24, 2758."—Annual Register.